

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 59

28 February 1950

1. The following were present:

Mr. Lydman	State
Mr. Fletcher	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
25X1A9a Lt. Col. Wade	Air Force
	CIA (Acting Chairman)

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2. It was pointed out that contributions are being received in which the date which appears at the top of each page is that of the originally drafted manuscript. This is not in conformity with previous decisions of the NIS Committee. See Editorial Instructions, Part I, Title Page. The user is informed of the significance of the date by the following statement in the Foreward which appears on the inside front of each NIS binder: "Each text page carries the name of the Intelligence Agency primarily responsible for the preparation of the section and the date on which the Agency approved the material for NIS." Members were requested to see that contributions from their agencies hereafter bear dates determined in accordance with the above-cited instructions.

3. The Acting Chairman reported a decision made prior to the meeting regarding the date to be placed by State on the pages of a certain Section 62 (Fuels and Power). The allocation of responsibility for the section, with the exception of Subsection 62D (Power), is "State (with the assistance of the Department of the Interior)". The allocation of responsibility for Subsection 62D is "Army". Army had placed a date on this subsection prior to submitting it to State, the section coordinator. This date antedated by some six months that which State wished to place on the section. The question: Should Army's date remain on Subsection D and State's date be placed on the remainder of the section? The answer: The same date - that on which State approved the material for NIS - should appear on all pages of the section, including those of Subsection 62D, prepared by Army.

The reasoning underlying this decision was as follows:

a. Most NIS sections contain material, the bulk of which stems from a "primarily responsible agency", but some of which, usually in the form of data, stems from other agencies. The primarily responsible agency integrates the second category of material with the first. Many sections of Chapter VI (Economic), however, include whole subsections which are contributed in

toto by other agencies as finished intelligence. From the point of view of the agency which prepared these subsections, they stand in loco sectionis and bear the dates on which the agency released them for NIS. Nevertheless, it is the duty of the agency coordinating the section (the primarily responsible agency) to process these subsections by, for instance, examination of them for inconsistencies and reconciliation (possibly involving return of the manuscript to the author agency) of such inconsistencies if found. Hence, the subsection is, in effect, not finally approved for NIS until it is approved for NIS by the section coordinator.

b. A single date placed upon the whole section by the section coordinator, regardless of any dates placed by producing agencies on individual subsections, does not change the significance of the date to the user. The date is not the date of the information on which the intelligence is based. The user is told in the Foreward that the date is that on which "the primarily responsible Agency approved the material for NIS".

c. Any system of placing individual dates on individual subsections would give rise to unacceptable complications in editing and publishing.

4. The use of mimeograph paper for contributions to NIS was discussed. It was pointed out that contributions on mimeograph paper have a marked tendency to become illegible during the editorial process; and that letters and punctuation marks are often faulty on mimeograph paper, a fact which necessitates correction by D/NIS editors or, in some instances, return to the contributor for rerun, before contributions go to GPO. Editorial Instructions require that bond paper be used, except that "ditto or mimeograph process may be used if clear throughout". It is realized that some agencies mimeograph their contributions so as to be able to disseminate them immediately to the field for correction. This is so cogent a reason for using paper which permits of rapid reproduction that D/NIS can only concur. However, it was requested that, in order to save editorial time and so speed up the editorial process, those agencies which do not use bond paper send in their clear copies of their contributions reproduced by ditto or mimeograph process.

5. A draft of a security directive for recipients of NIS was approved. This directive furnishes guidance relative to the security classification to be given conversations and correspondence concerning certain aspects of the NIS Program. CIA will have the draft reproduced. It will then be disseminated in the same manner as NIS.

6. It was announced that, according to the latest information received, it is expected that the Joint Staff reply to the DCI memorandum regarding requirements and priorities for NIS will be forthcoming at the end of the current week and that the requirements will match the lowest estimate of

agency capabilities. NOTE: Information received after the conference is to the effect that coordination between JSPG and JLPG may delay the reply until early next week./

7. [REDACTED]

The members from Navy, I & S, on 2/28/50)

Air Force, and CIA (the latter after call from [REDACTED] approved the request, provided that the following elements are first removed from the copy of Standard Instructions transmitted:

- a. Production Schedules
- b. Allocations of Responsibilities
- c. NIS Areas
- d. NIS Area Map

The members from State and Army are to check with their agencies and inform the Acting Chairman at the earliest practicable date. NOTE: Army member notified the Acting Chairman of Army's approval on 3/1/50/

8. The Acting Chairman read to the Committee general comments on the second revision of Standard Instructions for Chapter III (Transportation and Telecommunications), Supplement I (Ports and Naval Facilities), and Supplement III (Telecommunications) and on a proposed new supplement on transportation. Copies of the general comments and of detailed comments on specific items were given the Army member for transmission to the Chapter III Revisory Subcommittee. It was urged that this subcommittee take action on the comments with the least practicable delay, since these Standard Instructions have been in process of revision for a long time.

9. The next meeting was scheduled for 1000 hours, Tuesday, 7 March 1950, at CIA.

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